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May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election Report of the Official Canvass and 1% Manual Tally

The following is a report reflecting the official canvass and 1% manual tally certifying the Statement of the Vote of the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election:

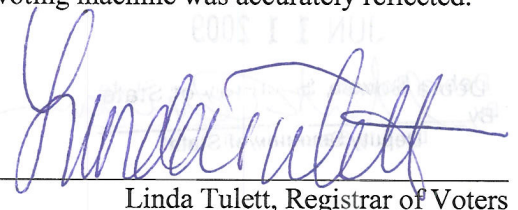
Official Canvass of the Vote. The official canvass was completed and the election certified on Thursday, June 4, 2009. The official canvass consisted of several steps, including an inspection of all materials and supplies returned from each polling place, processing and counting vote by mail ballots and ballots cast at and returned from each precinct, including provisional ballots, a reconciliation of signatures in roster indexes with votes recorded, a reconciliation of ballots counted with the number of votes recorded, a manual tally of the ballots tabulated by the voting systems at 1% of the precincts, and a 100% manual tally of all votes cast on any AVC Edge II (touch-screen) voting machine. The Department notified the public of the schedule of activities of the official canvass and invited the Observer Panel, political party central committees, and the Civil Grand Jury to observe. There was one member of the public present to observe during the random selection and manual tally of precincts.

Manual Tally. The 1% manual tally includes ballots cast from randomly selected precincts and includes both paper ballots and accessible touch-screen voting machine ballots as well as vote by mail ballots centrally tabulated at the Monterey County Elections Department. The "one percent manual tally" is defined by Elections Code Section 336.5 as *"the public process of manually tallying votes in 1 percent of the precincts, selected at random by the elections official, and in one precinct for each race not included in the randomly selected precincts. This procedure is conducted during the official canvass to verify the accuracy of the automated count."* Based upon the 2007 Post-Election Audit Standards that are now adopted and incorporated into the California Administrative Code (Regulations), the manual tally and determination of any increased audits for close contests should be based upon the semi-final official canvass, or election night results, as defined in Elections Code Section 353.5.

On Friday, May 29, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. the Elections Department conducted a public random selection of precincts for the 1% manual tally. The Department used four 10-sided colored dice that were rolled to randomly generate precinct numbers. The two precincts chosen were precinct 3061 and mail ballot precinct 9101. The manual tally commenced at 10:30 a.m. and was completed the same day.

Increased Sample Size for Close Contests. There were no statewide contests with a margin of victory close enough to require implementation of the Post-Election Manual Tally requirements.

Results of the Manual Tally. The Department found no discrepancies between the manual tally and the electronic results. The required 1% manual tally verified that the tabulation of paper ballots on the Optech 400-C (central count) paper ballot tabulating machines was accurately reflected. The 100% manual tally verified that the automated tabulation of votes cast on each AVC Edge II (touch-screen) voting machine was accurately reflected.



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